

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINR, PINT, CA  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED BUGGING BY US CITIZEN

REF: OTTAWA 912

1. DURING FEB 23 COMMONS QUESTION PERIOD, PM TRUDEAU RESPONDED IN UNUSUALLY SUBDUED AND SERIOUS TONE TO OPPOSITION REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON ALLEGED BUGGING OF FORMER SOLICITOR GENERAL WARREN ALLMAND AND NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY MP JOHN RODRIGUEZ BY US CITIZEN WARREN HART (REFTEL).
2. REFERRING TO WRITTEN ASSURANCE GIVEN LAST YEAR TO OPPOSITION LEADER JOE CLARK THAT RCMP HAD NOT BUGGED MPS, TRUDEAU INDICATED HE GAVE THAT ASSURANCE ON BASIS OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY "OUR SECURITY OFFICIALS." NOTING "AN APPARENT CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE ADVICE I RECEIVED AND THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS AFFIDAVIT (BY HART)," TRUDEAU SAID THE SOLICITOR GENERAL WAS CHECKING WITHIN THE RCMP TO DETERMINE IF THERE WAS ANY SUBSTANCE TO THE ALLEGATIONS. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD CONFIDENCE IN THE RCMP RATHER THAN IN HART'S ALLEGATIONS BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT, "I REGARD THIS MATTER VERY SERIOUSLY."

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3. LATER, AT HIS WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE, TRUDEAU INDICATED HE HAD NEVER HAD ANY REASON TO ASK THE RCMP TO INVESTIGATE ANY CABINET MINISTER OR ANY MP.
4. COMMENT: THIS SCANDAL, IF INDEED IT IS ONE, HAS YET TO TAKE OFF HERE. AS HE DID IN REVEALING DETAILS OF SKY SHOPPES AFFAIR, TORY MP ELMER MAC KAY MAY BE ADVANCING

NEW INFORMATION ONLY IN SMALL QUANTITIES OVER TIME.  
YESTERDAY AT QUESTION PERIOD, FOR EXAMPLE, HE ASKED ONLY  
IF ALL REGULAR PROCEDURES WERE FOLLOWED IN HART'S ENTRY  
TO AND DEPORTATION FROM CANADA AND, "IF ANYONE HAD CON-  
TACTED MR. HART OFFICIALLY ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT."  
THERE WAS NO DIRECT ANSWER SINCE IMMIGRATION MIN WAS  
ABSENT FROM HOUSE. REFLECTING SLOW DEVELOPMENT OF CASE,  
MEDIA PLAY HAS BEEN PROMINENT BUT LARGELY FACTUAL WITH  
ALLEGATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (EXCEPT  
HART). ENDERS

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